



## SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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### Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **USA** – a navigation and vessel inspection circular on the '[Reporting and Investigation of Marine Casualties Where the United States is a Substantially Interested State](#)'.
- **Bahamas** – an information bulletin entitled '[ECDIS, Nautical Charts and Publications](#)'.
- **Bahamas** – an information bulletin entitled '[Watertight Doors on Passenger Ships Which May Be Opened During Navigation](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – a marine safety advisory entitled '[Ballast Water Exchange – Intra-North Sea Voyages](#)'.
- **Denmark** – an order on '[compensation for seafarers for belongings lost in connection with ship's loss or other damage](#)'.
- **Singapore** – a shipping circular entitled '[Carriage on Board of Safe Working Practice Publications](#)'.

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** – has released '[Guidance Notes on Design and Installation of Dynamically Installed Piles \(2017\)](#)'
- **ABS** – has issued guidance notes on '[Cathodic Protection of Ships \(2017\)](#)'
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released a technical circular entitled '[DG Shipping Circular reg. Implementation of Cyber-security risk mitigation measures onboard Indian Flag Ships](#)'
- **RINA** – has issued a marine information notice called '[Ballast Water Management Convention – re-approval by the ship's flag administration of already type approved Ballast Water Management Systems](#)'.

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### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The GARD P&I Club** – a member alert entitled '[New customs declaration requirements in Senegal](#)'
- **The SKULD P&I Club** – an article on '[Engineered Grounding with Maersk Connector](#)'
- **The Japan P&I Club** – a loss prevention alert entitled '[Recent Navigation Warnings of China Waters No.62](#)'
- **The North of England P&I Club** – an update on the [port closures situation in Yemen](#)
- **The Shipowners' P&I Club** – an insight article on the [legal implications of unmanned and autonomous vessels](#)
- **The UK P&I Club** – a reminder of the [worldwide risks of cyber fraud and their advice on how to avoid it](#).

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### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO** – the IMO has announced the launch of [a global network of centres of excellence in marine technology](#). The Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres (MTCCs) are expected to provide leadership in promoting ship energy-efficiency technologies and operations, and the reduction of harmful emissions from ships.
- **USCG** – following on from last week's Ballast Water series, the USCG has issued a [summary](#) of the Q&A session at their recent BWMTechology North America conference.
- **OCIMF** – has released a new information paper entitled '[Northern Sea Route Navigation: Best Practices And Challenges](#)'.

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### Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – published an investigation report on a [gas explosion that took place on the merchant vessel 'Nortrader' in Plymouth](#). The explosions were caused by the ignition of hydrogen gas released from the cargo.
- **Australia** – published an investigation report on [the collision between the tug 'Arafura Sea Delta' and general cargo ship 'Thorco Crystal'](#).
- **US** – published an investigation report on [the sinking of the fishing vessel 'Lady Gertrude'](#). The probable cause was the fracture of the propeller shaft forward of the stern tube stuffing box, resulting in uncontrollable flooding of the vessel's fish hold and progressive flooding through non-

watertight bulkheads of the engine room and lazarette.

- **Sweden** – published an investigation report on the [grounding of the sailboat 'Z/AWA IV' at Falsterbo Rev.](#)
- **Japan** – published an investigation report on the [capsizing of the cargo ship 'Swiftness' and the work boat 'Fuji Maru'](#). The coxswain of *Fuji Maru* died and a workman was wounded.

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### Recent IMO Circulars

- **PMP.7/Circ.65 - 04/12/17** - PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO. [View Circular.](#)
- **MEPC.2/Circ.23 - 01/12/17** - PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE. [View Circular.](#)
- **BMW.2/Circ.50 - 21/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)
- **STCW.2/Circ.83 - 21/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)
- **BMW.2/Circ.41 - 21/11/17** - CONVENIO INTERNACIONAL PARA EL CONTROL Y LA GESTIÓN DEL AGUA DE LASTRE Y LOS SEDIMENTOS DE LOS BUQUES, 2004 (in Spanish). [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.4/Circ.254 - 21/11/17** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)
- **NWRC.1/CIRC.36 - 21/11/17** - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)
- **BWM.1/Circ.44 - 14/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)

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### Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended this year include:

- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 (effective 08/09/17)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV – Baltic Sea Special Area and Form of ISPP Certificate (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to the Nox Technical Code 2008 – Testing of Gas-Fuelled and Dual Fuel Engines (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI – Record Requirements for Operational Compliance with Nox Tier III ECAs (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex II – Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure (effective 01/09/17)
- ECDIS – SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10 (effective 01/07/17).

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## A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 5 – 22nd to 26th January 2018
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) 5 – 5th to 9th February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) 5 – 19th to 23rd February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 5 – 12th to 16th March 2018
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 72 – 9th to 13th April 2018
- Legal Committee (LEG) 105 – 23rd to 27th April 2018
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 99 – 16th to 25th May 2018.

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